



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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WILDFIRE SEASON 2006 NOTICE TO ABATE FIRE HAZARD

Dear Property Owner of Parcel

The above-captioned parcel has been brought to the attention of the Elk Grove Community Services District Fire Department by citizen complaint(s) alleging excessive weed growth. An inspection has been conducted by Elk Grove CSD Fire Department staff and we have determined that a fire hazard exists on the property. **As we are currently in middle of the 2006 fire season, immediate action is required to comply with the following guidelines:**

All structures, such as dwellings, barns, storage buildings, stored vehicles, etc., must be provided with a 30' firebreak. This 30' of defensible space can be provided by one of the following:

1. Green belts, such as lawns or fire-resistive landscaping.
2. Disking weeds (minimum of three passes).
3. Mowing weeds and then raking away dry grass (try to get to bare dirt).

Vacant parcels overgrown with weeds present a significant threat to adjacent structures and must be abated. This can be accomplished by the following:

1. Mowing weeds and then raking away the debris/dry grass.
2. Disking weeds (minimum of three passes).

Note: Large parcels (exceeding 2 acres) may only be required to provide a 30' firebreak around the perimeter. Contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for specifics regarding these particular parcels.

Vacant parcels adjacent to residential subdivisions that have wood-shake roofs must provide a 30' firebreak along the entire length of the property abutting the subdivision.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Unharvested crop/agricultural land.
2. Grazing land for animals that does not expose structures or adjacent residential subdivisions.
3. Large vacant parcels that do not expose structures.

This will be the only notice you receive in 2006 notifying you to abate your parcel. Your parcel information has been automatically added to our database and you will receive a notice next spring, approximately May, to notify you to abate for the 2007 Fire Season. Failure to have the weeds abated by the deadline (approximately June 2, 2006) may result in a citation. If a citation is issued, you will be required to appear in court.

Sincerely,

By order of the Fire Chief, by George Apple, Assistant Fire Marshal
Elk Grove CSD Fire Department